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Country: Austria/Hungary

Subjects: Soviet Air Force and Airfields; Ground Forces

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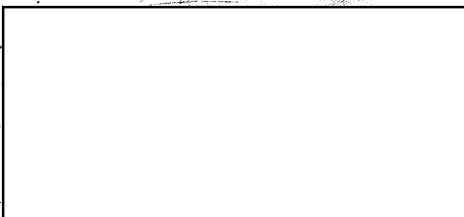
Air Order of Battle

1. Baden Air Staff. The air staff at Baden appears to be independent within the framework of the Baden headquarters. It seems to be responsible for flight organization, air transport, flight security, and air intelligence. It is purely administrative command and has no air units operationally subordinate to it, with the exception of the field at Bad Weisau, which is used as a landing field for high-ranking officers of General Kurasov's headquarters.
2. Eschenau Airfield (Wiener Neustadt North A/D 048/X35): Approximately 30 IL 2 aircraft are stationed on the field, the commanding officer of which is Lt. Col. Washenovsky. The bombweight of the IL 2 is described as similar to that of German planes, with a mirror and triple cross-hairs. It is not possible to estimate the number of air force personnel attached to this field, since they are housed in barracks along the Vienna-Wienerneustadt road together with troops from other units.
3. Sanktbalg Airfield (P48/G78): Seven hundred aircraft, almost all fighters, on the field.
4. Edelbach Airfield (049/M63): One hundred fifty pilots are reported in the nearby maneuver grounds at Döllersheim. One of the pilots stated that his unit had gone to Hungary two months ago, had then moved to the field at Bad Weisau two weeks ago, and had been transferred to Edelbach one week ago. Units are reported to remain only three weeks at a time at the Edelbach field. Twenty-five Soviet aircraft of a type similar to the Arado 96 were transferred here from Bad Weisau at the end of July 1946.

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General Situation

3. **Poland (P40/M10):** The number of troops is reported to have increased from 1,500 to 4,000 within the last three weeks. These new troops did not come from Austria.
4. **Germany (P40/M10):** Troops reinforced from 4,000 to 15,000 men in the past month.
7. **East Germany (P40/M10):** At present there are 150 tank troops in town but according to police sources, 2,000 men are expected shortly.



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